

Hello Volunteers,

As the new Volunteer Services Coordinator for the 13th Circuit Court/Family Division, thank you for allowing me to introduce myself. For the last several years I worked in the 86th District Court here in Traverse City, as a probation officer. Prior to that I was a police officer in the Detroit area for 25 years, and moved to northern Michigan upon retirement. My first few weeks on the job have been fun as I've learned, and continue to learn, the many responsibilities of my position. I'm very happy to be here and look forward to the positive nature of this type of work. I hope to live up to your expectations and serve you well. Feel free to call me anytime with concerns or questions. I won't always know the answer immediately, but will get you anything you need to fulfill your important role as a volunteer in our programs.

Thanks,

Todd Bredin



New Transport Vehicle

Thanks to the grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Todd has been having fun researching to find the best vehicle for our needs. We are looking at a 2018 or 2019 front wheel drive four door sedan! Unfortunately, purchasing a car for the Court to transport juveniles is not as simple as going to the car dealer and saying "I want that one." But we're getting closer! We will continue to keep you updated.



BOUNDARIES

Just a friendly reminder to continue to know and understand your role as a volunteer with our department. As a volunteer of the court, you are sometimes put in situations that can be difficult to navigate. Any action (positive or negative) is a reflection on you as a volunteer as well as on the court. It is incredibly important to maintain appropriate boundaries within your role and adhere to all policies and procedures presented to you in trainings, meetings, etc. If at any point, you have a question as to what you should/should not be doing, please contact us and we will be more than happy to guide you. We appreciate all of the hard work you are doing and don't want anything to jeopardize your role within the wonderful programs we represent for the court!

BADGES

Please remember to bring your Volunteer ID badge with you when you are in this building. Also carry your ID badge when you are representing the Court and Volunteer Services in the public. This is for your safety as well as the Court's. You will not always be working with the same people and it is important for staff, caseworkers, security, etc. to identify what your role is as a volunteer with the Court.

Badges need to be updated every 2 years. Please check the date on the back of your badge and let us know if we need to update yours.



Happy Birthday

May

Maureen Anthony
Donna Hasenauer
Darcy Heyd
Julie Howe
Lee Storch

June

Deb Aldridge
Lisa Haworth
Cynthia Johnson
Kristen Rivard
Elizabeth Tengelitsch



SWIMMING

A few Learning Partner matches will be going strong throughout the warmer months, trying to avoid the "summer slide" of lost school lessons while building on their mentoring relationships. Others will keep in contact through a few planned activities, frequent calls and even some old-fashioned letter writing campaigns!

We are offering swimming and water-safety lessons throughout the month of May, with the final session highlighting the proper fit of lifejackets and how to get help for a friend in the water. We have a few calls for summer help with older students at our offices, and we are hoping to keep growing our Learning Partner connections this summer. Please contact Laura if you are curious about how you might be able to support a youth in need of a little help.



In MEMORY of BETTY LEDEN

Betty became a VIP — Volunteer In Prevention/Probation — soon after she moved to the area with her husband, Bob, in 1996. She shared her love of the Arts and mentored more than 16 Learning Partner Students. One "girl", born in 1986, was still in contact. We miss Betty, as she passed-away March 17th. Her legacy of giving will go on.

- * CASA meeting May 15th we will have special guest, Carly Bentley from Child Advocacy Center. Carly is a forensic interviewer!
- * June's meeting will be June 19th. We are hoping to have Lt. Dan King from Traverse Narcotics Team here to talk about opioid addiction.



**VOLUNTEERS IN
PREVENTION/PROBATION**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE

280 Washington St., Suite B 150, Traverse City, MI 49684

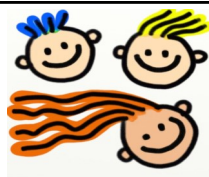
231-922-4827

Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 1, 2018



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Tuesday, June 19, 2018



***All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.**